

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
receiving a request to access a target computer from a remote computer at a central computer system;
determining whether the remote computer has permission to access the target computer; and
allowing the remote computer to access the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access the target computer.
2. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
allowing the remote computer to access all of the applications that are located on the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access the target computer.
3. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
allowing the remote computer to access only some of the applications that are located on the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access the target computer.
4. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
receiving a request to establish a connection from the target computer at the central computer system.
5. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
accessing a stored telephone number;
dialing the telephone number;
receiving a numeric identification code;
comparing the numeric identification code to a stored numeric identification code; and

allowing the remote computer to access the target computer if the received numeric identification code matches the stored identification code.

6. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

allowing the remote computer to access an application on the target computer while the remote computer is participating in a data conference.

7. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

allowing the remote computer to transfer a file from the target computer to the remote computer.

8. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

allowing the remote computer to print a file that is associated with an application located on the target computer on a local printer without requiring a local printer driver to be installed on the target computer.

9. The method of Claim 1 wherein the target computer stores a URL that identifies the central computer system and the target computer uses the URL to establish a connection with the central computer system.

10. The method of Claim 1 wherein the target computer stores a username and password and the target computer uses the username and password to establish a connection with the central computer system.

11. A computer system including:

one or more computers; and

one or more computer programs, the one or more computer programs comprising computer instructions for:

receiving a request to access a target computer from a remote computer at a central computer system;

determining whether the remote computer has permission to access the target computer; and

allowing the remote computer to access the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access the target computer.

12. The computer system of Claim 11 wherein the one or more computer programs further comprise computer instructions for:

allowing the remote computer to access all of the applications that are located on the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access the target computer.

13. The computer system of Claim 11 wherein the one or more computer programs further comprise computer instructions for:

allowing the remote computer to access only some of the applications that are located on the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access the target computer.

14. The computer system of Claim 11 wherein the one or more computer programs further comprise computer instructions for:

receiving a request to establish a connection from the target computer at the central computer system.

15. The computer system of Claim 11 wherein the one or more computer programs further comprise computer instructions for:

accessing a stored telephone number;
dialing the telephone number;
receiving a numeric identification code;
comparing the numeric identification code to a stored numeric identification code; and
allowing the remote computer to access the target computer if the received numeric identification code matches the stored identification code.

16. The computer system of Claim 11 wherein the one or more computer programs further comprise computer instructions for:

allowing the remote computer to access an application on the target computer while the remote computer is participating in a data conference.

17. The computer system of Claim 11 wherein the one or more computer programs further comprise computer instructions for:

allowing the remote computer to transfer a file from the target computer to the remote computer.

18. The computer system of Claim 11 wherein the one or more computer programs further comprise computer instructions for:

allowing the remote computer to print a file that is associated with an application located on the target computer on a local printer without requiring a local printer driver to be installed on the target computer.

19. The computer system of Claim 11 wherein the target computer stores a URL that identifies the central computer system and the target computer uses the URL to establish a connection with the central computer system.

20. The computer system of Claim 11 wherein the target computer stores a username and password and the target computer uses the username and password to establish a connection with the central computer system.